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# Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 and 57/270 A of 20 December 2002, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 64/236 of 24 December 2009 and 65/152 of 20 December 2010, as well as its resolutions 66/197 of 22 December 2011 and 66/288 of 27 July 2012 and all other relevant resolutions on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Recalling also* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

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Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[6] as well as the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,[7] the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus[8] and the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,[9]

*Recalling further* the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[10] the Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[11] the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[12] and the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[13]

*Recognizing* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, in particular for developing countries, and that although each country has the primary responsibility for its own sustainable development and poverty eradication and the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, concerted and concrete measures are required at all levels to enable developing countries to achieve their sustainable development goals as related to the internationally agreed poverty-related targets and goals, including those contained in Agenda 21, the relevant outcomes of other United Nations conferences and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[14]

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[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[6] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[7] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[8] Resolution 63/239, annex.

[9] Resolution 65/1.

[10] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[11] Resolution S-22/2, annex.

[12] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. i, resolution 1, annex II.

[13] Resolution 65/2.

[14] Resolution 55/2.

*Reaffirming* the need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions,[15] and reiterating that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities,[16]

*Reaffirming also* the commitment to implement Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, including the time-bound goals and targets, and the other internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, as well as the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",

*Recalling* the recognition in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want", that gender equality and women's empowerment are important for sustainable development and our common future,

*Recalling also* the commitment to strengthen the Economic and Social Council within its mandate under the Charter of the United Nations, as a principal organ in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields, and recognizing its key role in achieving a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development,

*Recalling further* that the Commission on Sustainable Development has been serving as the high-level body responsible for sustainable development within the United Nations system, and noting that it is to be replaced by the high-level political forum, whose format and organizational aspects are to be determined by an intergovernmental process,

*Reaffirming* the necessity for coordination and complementarity among all processes relevant to sustainable development, including the processes to consider the development agenda beyond 2015,

1. *Reaffirms* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[6] and urges its speedy implementation by Member States and other stakeholders;

2. *Recalls* the decision in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to establish a universal, intergovernmental, high-level political forum and the decision to launch an intergovernmental and open, transparent and inclusive negotiation process under the General Assembly to define the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum with the aim of convening its first meeting at the beginning of the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly, and, in this regard, calls for the negotiations to start as soon as possible and to conclude by May 2013 in order to give enough time to prepare for convening of the first meeting of the high-level political forum at the beginning of the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly;

[15] See resolution 66/288, annex, para. 3.

[16] See resolution 64/236.

3. *Recommends* that the Commission on Sustainable Development hold one last session for a duration of one week at the beginning of May 2013 to, inter alia, make an overall assessment of its work, in particular in relation to the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and to review lessons learned, which would help with the establishment of the high-level political forum and ensure follow-up to the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

4. *Recalls* the decision in the outcome document of the Conference on Sustainable Development to establish an inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals that is open to all stakeholders, with a view to developing global sustainable development goals to be agreed by the General Assembly, and also recalls the decision to constitute an open working group, comprising thirty representatives, which is to present its report in the early part of the sixty-eighth session of the Assembly, preferably before the first meeting of the high-level political forum;

5. *Also recalls* the decision in the outcome document of the Conference on Sustainable Development to establish an intergovernmental process, under the auspices of the General Assembly, to propose options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives and the decision to establish an intergovernmental committee comprising thirty experts nominated by regional groups to implement that process, urges the committee of experts, in this regard, to prepare a thorough report to be considered by the Assembly in 2014, and requests the Secretary-General and relevant entities of the United Nations system and invites the international and regional financial institutions to stand ready to support this process;

6. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on options for a facilitation mechanism that promotes the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies[17] as mandated in the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, and decides to establish an intergovernmental open-ended working group under the auspices of the General Assembly to make proposals, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General, on the format and modalities of such a technology facilitation mechanism; the working group, which is to be serviced by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and supported by a pool of experts, should report to the Assembly before the end of the sixty-seventh session;

7. *Stresses* the need for synergy and coordination among all of these processes so that they all feed into the development of the sustainable development goals and the establishment of the high-level political forum, as well as the processes to develop the development agenda beyond 2015, and also stresses the need for all of these processes to be mutually supportive;

8. *Welcomes* the decision in the outcome document of the Conference on Sustainable Development to convene a third international conference on small island developing States in 2014, and, in this regard, urges Member States, the

[17] A/67/348.

relevant entities of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations and other relevant stakeholders to provide the necessary support to ensure the success of the Conference and its preparatory process;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixty-eighth session;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development".